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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The demand for American apples in British markets as reflected by prices paid in London and Liverpool during the current week indicates some recovery from the slump experienced during the holidays, according to quotations received in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Supplies of both barreled and boxed varieties are lighter and the market is higher, states Mr. Smith. Speaking of boxed varieties, Mr. Smith states that while the demand is being strengthened by the fact that only light supplies are available, the market outlook in general is unfavorable except for Oregon Yellow Newtowns and for small quantities of Pacific Northwest Winesaps and a few miscellaneous varieties.

Virginia York Imperials topped the market in Liverpool on January 4, U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch stock ranging from $8.27 to $8.76 per barrel, as against $7.30 to $8.52 on December 16, the last date for which quotations were received in 1927. Virginia Albemarle Pippins, however, ran a close second, unclassified stock selling at from $7.30 to $8.76 per barrel. There were practically no supplies of Virginia Winesaps and Black Twigs but York Imperials were in moderate supply. Virginia cargoes of York Imperials have been arriving in splendid condition, showing good color and appearance, and mostly tight, states Mr. Smith. Nova Scotian Baldwins brought from $6.33 to $6.81, Ben Davis from $5.72 to $5.84, and Stayman Winesaps $6.93 to $8.39.

In the boxed lines, Washington Winesaps led the market, Extra Fancy fruit sizes 163/175 selling around $3.28 per box as against $2.98 per box on December 16. The demand for pears and grapefruit is dull and prices paid were lower than those prevailing during the holidays. The British market is glutted with Spanish oranges, states Mr. Smith. Fruit in good condition ranged from $2.43 to $2.49 per case for 300's and from $1.46 to $2.43 for 360's.

Prices of American fruit in British markets

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price: December 14, 1927 a/	Price: January 4, 1928
LONDON:		Per box	Per box
Apples:			
Winesap:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 ...	Washington	$ -	$2.92 - 3.28
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	-	2.68 - 3.04
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	-	2.92 - 3.04
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	-	2.43 - 2.92
Spitzenburg:			
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	Oregon	-	2.19 - 2.68
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	-	1.95 - 2.43
Yellow Newtown:			
Fancy, 188/smaller	California	-	2.43 - 2.80
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Oregon	-	4.14 - 4.38
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	-	2.92 - 3.65
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	-	3.65 - 3.89
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	-	2.92 - 3.28
LIVERPOOL:		Per bbl	Per bbl
Apples:			
York Imperial:			
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	Virginia	7.30 - 8.52	8.27 - 8.76
U. S. Commercial, 2¼ inch	"	6.33 - 6.81	7.30 - 8.03
Unclassified (fair condition)	"	5.11 - 6.57	6.33 - 7.18
Winesap:			
Unclassified (fair condition)	"	-	7.79 - 8.03
Black Twig:			
Unclassified	"	-	6.09 - 7.06
Albemarle Pippin:			
Unclassified	"	-	7.30 - 8.76
Winesap:		Per box	Per box
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Washington	2.98	3.28
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.80 - 2.92	2.87 - 3.04
Rome Beauty:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	2.80	2.80 - 3.04
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	-	2.55 - 2.62
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	2.62	2.55 - 2.80
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	-	2.19 - 2.43
Pears:			
Winter Nelis	"	4.81 - 4.87	4.50 - 4.87
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Keiffer	New York	3.71 - 4.14	3.41 - 4.14
		Per case	Per case
Grapefruit	Florida	3.89 - 4.08	4.08 - 4.44
Grapefruit	Jamaica	-	2.68 - 3.16
COPENHAGEN:		December 13,	January 3,
Apples:		Per box	Per box
Yellow Newtowns:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Oregon	-	3.59 - 3.77
Winesap:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Washington	-	3.35 - 3.47

a/ No quotations received for December 21 and 28, 1927.

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